

Recognize Good[®] Legend 2026

**MARION
VISE**
**HOSPICE
AUSTIN**



LEGEND CEREMONY

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Marion Vise



Legendary Volunteerism

MARION'S STORY

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Established in 1979, **Hospice Austin** was the first end-of-life care center in Central Texas and is currently Austin's only nonprofit hospice. Anyone can receive treatment from them no matter the typical restrictors – such as age or financial status, they just want to gift people comfortable final months. Their organization has over 400 trained volunteers today, but **Marion Vise** has been involved since almost the beginning. She started her volunteer journey just two years after their first patient was served.

After several moves around the US because of military transfers for her husband, the couple finally settled down in Austin where Marion went on to attend the second-ever volunteer training class at Hospice Austin. She then began her journey working with patients and their families as they went through life's final moments together. There was a brief period that she had to step away and deal with her own family matters, but Marion made a quick return to the organization. It was then that she began helping Hospice Austin's bereavement program founder, Carolyn McDonald, in the office.



Each Volunteer Legend receives their own commemorative brick placed along the Lady Bird Lake.

Shortly after, she started counseling the bereaved and took over the department following McDonald's retirement. This led to her receiving facilitator training and ultimately leadership of multiple general and loss of parent support groups. When her husband passed in 2004, Marion took on loss of spouse groups as well where she is a "sensitive and highly skilled facilitator," according to Nancy McCranie, the former Director of Volunteer & Bereavement Services.

"She has been a faithful volunteer the entire time," says Nancy. "In the early years, she was one of the small group of people who helped get Hospice Austin started. In the years since, she has given her gifts in the area of facilitating bereavement support groups. It's hard to calculate the thousands of lives she has touched over the past four decades! Marion truly embodies the Hospice Austin mission to provide care and support to anyone in our community who needs it."



Each year, RecognizeGood's selected Legends are celebrated during its Say Thanks, Austin Campaign.

This mural was presented during the 2022 Say Thanks, Austin Campaign



ABOUT US



RecognizeGood®

RecognizeGood: THE Foundation (commonly referred to as simply RecognizeGood®) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization designed to create three-sided partnerships between businesses, their employees and the communities in which both reside. RecognizeGood is branded as a partner and advisor to forward-thinking businesses, an advocate for the employees of those businesses, and an imaginative champion for all community nonprofits. Though each of the identity programs listed below is entirely unique, the common theme is simple – the illumination of GOOD in our community.

WE RECOGNIZE

RecognizeGood.org

A platform for the illumination and sharing of everyday GOOD. At work or home, opportunities to show gratitude are endless, but by making a Thank You public at recognizegood.org we have the chance to inspire others.

- ❖ RecognizeGood Legends
- ❖ RecognizeGood Lighthouses
- ❖ Ethics in Business Award

WE CONNECT

- ❖ Printing With Purpose
- ❖ Speaker & Book Series
- ❖ Nonprofit Partnerships
- ❖ Business in Community

Illuminating **GOOD** *in Our Community*

See the back of this program to see how you can help us find our next Legend!

Today's Featured Program

RecognizeGood Legends

The RecognizeGood Legendary Volunteer Award presented ten times a year, highlights ordinary individuals who go to extraordinary lengths for others. Includes a \$1,000 pay-it-forward donation to the nonprofit of award recipient's choice, in their name.

Say Thanks Austin!

“Legends” are eligible to enter the **Say Thanks, Austin** campaign, in which the community expresses its gratitude and appreciation for these incredible individuals by casting Thank-Yous. The team receiving the most Thank-Yous earns a \$10,000 pay-it-forward donation, presented at City Hall during a closing ceremony as part of almost \$20,000 in total pay-it-forward donations.

Say Thanks, Austin 2026

After a Central Texas gratitude campaign running throughout January saw more than 40,000 acts of appreciation toward a group of ten incredible, selfless givers from the area, the community's collective attention was drawn to the 17th annual Say Thanks Austin Closing Ceremony.

Teenager Remmer Machamer finished the campaign with the most Thank You votes, and a \$10,000 pay-it-forward donation to Wreaths Across America was presented in his name at City Hall.

Pay-it-forward donations were also made to the following area nonprofits: Hays County Food Bank, Seedling, Capital Area Master Naturalists, The Charlie Center, RBI Austin, Foundation Communities, B.I.G. Love Cancer Care, Carrying Hope and Austin Habitat for Humanity.

LEGENDS CLASS OF 2025

 <p>Danny Martin With nearly 170 volunteer hours, Danny Martin has supported Capital Area Master Naturalists through restoration projects, research, leading clean-ups and training other volunteers.</p> 	 <p>Ann Barlow has been serving the unhomeless in Austin through The Charlie Center every Wednesday for several years now, serving hot meals to nearly 16,000 clients.</p> 
 <p>For over 25 years, Mike Metschan has devoted himself to a hidden population of Austin – children who have an incarcerated parent. As a volunteer mentor, advocate and trusted advisor Mike has helped raise more than \$500,000 for Seedling and has been a constant support over the years for the children they serve.</p> 	 <p>Delysia Moore has been volunteering with the Hays County Food Bank for more than a decade, logging nearly 3,000 hours of driving for food pickups and drop-offs, sorting food for their clients, and sharing a smile everywhere she goes.</p> 
 <p>For 15 years, Andy Harris and Matt Price have been serving Austin's youth through both baseball and mentorship, building to 91 total teams throughout underprivileged communities in Austin through RBI Austin.</p> 	 <p>For several years, Peggy Wilson has been volunteering with Foundation Communities – implementing new programs for students, mentoring, tutoring and even recruiting her own colleagues to volunteer.</p> 
 <p>For several years, Tiffany Huerta has volunteered with B.I.G. Love Cancer Care dedicating hundreds of hours to help over 1,000 children and families who have a child with cancer cope with their diagnosis.</p> 	 <p>Karen Clayton's legacy of giving lives on in her grandchildren, who learned about service as she volunteered for several years serving children in the foster system through Carrying Hope.</p> 
 <p>For 25 years, Gerard Van de Werken has volunteered with Austin Habitat for Humanity and has assisted in building 50 houses to date for members of our community while empowering others to give back as well.</p> 	 <p>Teenager Remmer Machamer has raised over \$130,000 for Wreaths Across America, sponsoring thousands of wreaths to adorn the graves of veterans at the Texas State Cemetery and across the state.</p> 

GET INVOLVED

Sometimes a simple thank you isn't enough to honor the extraordinary individuals who go above and beyond to help others. These volunteer legends who make our Central Texas community shine deserve recognition and celebration.

If you know someone for whom a simple thank you isn't enough or want to tell the world about someone who changed yours, let us know so that we can help illuminate the upstanding citizens who make our community special.

NOMINATE A LEGEND

SEND A THANK YOU

Legend Nomination Form

Legend Name

Your Name

Your Phone

Your Email

Thank You Note Form

Your Name

Your Email

Your Thank You Message



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